

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An information processing system for distributing content to another device via a network, comprising:

first receiving unit for receiving from said another device, via said network, application information that identifies an application via which said content can be accessed, content identifying information and format identifying information;

reading unit for reading said content based on said content identifying information included in said application information when said application information of said content is received by said first receiving unit;

format converting unit for converting said content read by said reading unit into data in a predetermined format based on said format identifying information included in said application information; and

distributing unit for distributing the data in the predetermined format from said format converting unit to said device via said network.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 1, further comprising:

second receiving unit for receiving transaction information of said content; and

authenticating unit for authenticating said transaction information when the transaction information of said content is received by said second receiving unit,

wherein said reading unit reads out said content based on a result authenticated by said authenticating unit.

3. (Original) A system according to Claim 2, wherein said transaction information includes a credit card number or an account number.

4. (Original) A system according to Claim 1, wherein said format identifying information includes information which designates an encoding system and/or encoding rate of said content.

5. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 1, further comprising:
calculating unit for calculating a use charge for said content based on said application information which is received by said first receiving unit; and
accounting unit for accounting said use charge which is calculated by said calculating unit, corresponding to said other device.

6. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 1, further comprising:
detecting unit for detecting a busy status on said network,
wherein said format converting unit converts said content into data in a predetermined format based on said busy status which is detected by said detecting unit.

7. (Previously Presented) An information processing method for distributing a content to another device via a network comprising:

a receiving step of receiving from said another device, via said network, application information that identifies an application via which said content can be accessed, content identifying information and format identifying information;

a reading control step of controlling an operation for reading said content based on content identifying information included in said application information when the application information of said content is received in said receiving step;

a format converting step of converting said content read in said reading control step into data in a predetermined format based on format identifying information included in said application information; and

a distributing step of distributing the data in the predetermined format to said device via said network.

8. (Currently Amended) A recording medium ~~for recording~~ having a computer-readable program recorded thereon, said computer-readable program being executable on a processor [[in]] of an information processing system for distributing a content to another device via a network,

wherein said program comprises:

a receiving step of receiving from said another device, via said network, application information that identifies an application via which said content can be accessed, content identifying information, and format identifying information;

a reading control step of controlling an operation for reading said content based on content identifying information included in said application information when the application information of said content is received in said receiving step;

a format converting step of converting said content read in said reading control step into data in a predetermined format based on said format identifying information included in said application information; and

a distributing step of distributing the data in the predetermined format to said device via said network.